

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The San Francisquito Creek watershed encompasses an area of approximately 40 square miles, extending from the ridge of the Santa Cruz Mountains to the San Francisco Bay in California. San Francisquito Creek has an inadequate carrying capacity due to vegetation sedimentation, land subsidence, levee settlement and erosion. Flooding on the creek affects the city of Menlo Park in San Mateo County, and Palo Alto and East Palo Alto in Santa Clara County. San Francisquito Creek starts at the base of Searsville Dam in Sanford University and flows into the San Francisco Bay about 2.5 miles south of the Dumbarton Bridge. As a result of record rainfall in February 1998, San Francisquito Creek overtopped its banks, affecting approximately 1,700 residential and commercial structures and causing more than \$26.6 million in property damages. After the floods a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed to pursue flood control and restoration opportunities in the area. The study would evaluate potential improvement plans to help alleviate flooding problems, as well as address environmental degradation of the watershed.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 3,100,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,600,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 1,500,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 104,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 200,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 1,296,000

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Complete, approve and certify the 905(b) report. Develop the Project Management Plan (PMP) for the feasibility study, and sign the Federal Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA).

FY 06 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Initiate the Feasibility Study.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Members of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA) include the cities of East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Menlo Park, the San Mateo County Flood Control District, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. All five members must agree to the content of the PMP before signing the Federal Cost Share Agreement (FCSA).

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 12th District, Rep. Tom Lantos; 14th District, Rep. Anna Eshoo

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